

# FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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## NEWS FROM THE DIVISION

### ALASKA STATE ARCHIVES RESEARCH ROOM CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Until further notice, the Alaska State Archives Research Room is closed. Reference queries may be directed to:

**Chris Hieb**, Archivist III

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907/465-2245

I would like to apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you. Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you.

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## **HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS REOPENS WITH LIMITED COLLECTIONS ACCESS**

Historical Collections Reading Room hours are, until further notice: Monday through Friday, 1:00 to 4:30 PM.

Please note that the books and archival collections have been moved to the new collections storage area. Access to reference materials may require several days lead time.

If you wish to make an advance request, or if you have an urgent need, contact us directly at [asl.historical@alaska.gov](mailto:asl.historical@alaska.gov) or call 907 465-2925.

## **WEBINAR: FREE ONLINE SURVEY TOOLS 4/8 AT 1PM**

Join instructor Daniel Cornwall as he shows you how to survey your patrons without paper at no cost. Get quick results with no needed for tally sheets or rekeying. See how an online survey might work for you even if your patrons lack home access.

The webinar takes place at 1pm on Wednesday 4/8. Registration is encouraged but not required. Visit <http://library.state.ak.libcal.com/event.php?id=865241&hs=a> to register and/or join the webinar.

## **HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS TO HOST NATIVE VOICES: NATIVE PEOPLES' CONCEPTS OF HEALTH AND ILLNESS EXHIBIT**

The Alaska State Library & Historical Collections will host the traveling exhibit *Native Voices: Native Peoples' Concepts of Health and Illness*, created by the U.S. National Library of Medicine. The exhibit will open April 14, 2015.

*Native Voices* was created in consultation with Alaska Natives, American Indians, and Native Hawaiians, and examines how wellness and illness are interconnected with cultural life. Stories drawn from both the past and present examine how the determinants of health for Alaska Natives, American Indians, and Native Hawaiians are tied to community, the land, and spirit. Through personal interviews, Native peoples describe how individual and community wellness were affected by the political and cultural events of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Individual reflections show the impact of epidemics, federal legislation, the loss of land, and the inhibition of culture on the health of Native individuals and communities today. Collectively, these stories convey how Native people use both traditional and Western methods to enhance wellness, ultimately presenting an inspiring account of renaissance, recovery, and self-determination.

*Native Voices* will be on exhibit at the Alaska State Library & Historical Collections, on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor of the State Office Building in Juneau, until June 26, 2015. It then will move to the new Walter Soboleff Center and the University of Alaska Southeast's Egan Library, both in Juneau.

In spring 2016, the Alaska State Library will move to the new State Library, Archives, and Museum building at 395 Whittier St. The new 118,000 square foot facility will feature museum galleries, a large 125-seat multi-purpose room, a classroom, a reading room, a research room, the state historical libraries, and state archives – all under one roof.

The National Library of Medicine in Bethesda, Maryland, is part of the National Institutes of Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. It is the world's largest biomedical library and the developer of electronic information services that deliver trillions of bytes of data to millions of users every day.

## **WELCOME TO STATE LIBRARY VISTAS KATIE GEORGE AND LINDSEY BENNETT**

From the Spring 2015 issue of Only in Alaska, an introduction of two of our new VISTA volunteers:

**Katie George**  
**Alaska State Library, Craig**



Hello everyone! My name is Katie George and I'm a brand new VISTA working as the Alaska State Library Outreach Coordinator in Craig on Prince of Wales Island. I grew up in Astoria, OR and I graduated last spring from Lewis & Clark College and studied biochemistry as well as studio art. I spent the last 6 months in Panama working in an immunology lab studying the tropical parasite, Leishmania. Through that experience I discovered that I didn't want to work in research anymore and that I wanted to work and help people on a daily basis. I knew that once I got back to the U.S. I wanted to do something of value in my country and the opportunity to work in Craig seemed like the perfect fit for me. I love running, painting, fishing, cooking and being outside in general. I am very excited to start working in February and look forward to meeting my coworkers as well as fellow VISTAs!



**Lindsey Bennett**  
Alaska State Library, Kake

In 2012 I graduated from CSULA with a BA in Film, Television and Media Studies. I have spent this last year living in London while working for a charity aimed at helping long term homeless individuals. Since I returned to the US in July I've been working as one of the childcare assistants for a local church, where my supervisor recommended I look into AmeriCorps. Alaska was the first location option on the AmeriCorps postings search engine and seemed like it would be an interesting adventure; so here I am!

## **NEWS FROM L.A.M.S IN ALASKA**

### **R/V SIKULIAQ ICEBREAKING FOOTAGE FROM UA MUSEUM OF THE NORTH**

Recently, the UA Museum of the North released a 4:31 video of the R/V Sikuliaq conducting its final trials in the Bering Sea. From the video's [YouTube page](#):

In this video, the crew has left three cameras behind on the ice in two positions, aimed at recording the swells running through the ice floe, the ship reversing so it could make a run at the line and the ridge and the cameras — at speed.

For more stories about the research vessel and the science it will accommodate, visit the museum's exhibit, Arctic Odyssey: Voyages of the R/V Sikuliaq, or follow along on our blog, <https://arcticodyssey.wordpress.com/>

## **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **FIVE FAST WAYS TO UP YOUR INSTITUTION'S TWITTER GAME**

If your library, archives or museum has a Twitter account, you might want to check out five tips offered by social media expert Laura Solomon, MCIW, MLS in a 4/2/2015 blog post titled [5 fast ways to up your library's Twitter game](#). Our favorite tip was #3 – Make hashtags a habit.

Want to see how libraries, museums and Alaskan workers in libraries, archives and Museums are using Twitter? Check out the Twitter lists of the Alaska Library Association at <https://twitter.com/AKLibraryAssoc/lists>

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